

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2308
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2001
EXTORTION OF MONEY FROM STREET VENDORS
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that constables of Delhi Police extorting money from the street vendors and hawkers;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the number of complaints received during the last three years in this regard and number of constables against whom action has been taken so far ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): There have been some isolated instances in which police personnel were alleged to have demanded illegal gratification from street vendors/hawkers. During the period from 1999 to 2001 (upto 15th November, 2001), 130 such complaints were received by Delhi Police of which 114 could not be substantiated. Against the remaining 16 complaints, appropriate administrative/preventive action was taken against 11 erring Police Constables whereas similar action has been initiated against five other Police Constables.